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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
Provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/586,824
Filing Date	June 5, 2000
First Named Inventor	David Godfrey Williams
Group Art Unit	2854
Examiner Name	R. Yan
Attorney Docket No.	17564-136

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the Amendment after Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR § 1.312, previously filed on March 8, 2004.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Small entity status in the prior application is still proper and desired (37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a)).
- b. ☒ Enclosed:
- i. ☒ Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 and 1.114
- ii. ☒ Declaration of Valentijn Van Velthoven (including Exhibits A through E)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other:

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees and charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 17564-136:
- i. ☒ Check # 19315 in the amount of \$770.00 in payment of RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Other :

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111 AND 1.114

This paper is in response to the Office Action of February 10, 2004, in the above-identified patent application; it is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination. A Notice of Appeal and a Petition (with fee) for a two-month extension of time for Response was filed on July 12, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 17564-136.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.